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July 20, 1906

*Outgoing quarantine removed.*

July 14: No plague since June 13. Recommend removing outgoing quarantine.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer was authorized, July 16, to remove outgoing quarantine, and Passed Assistant Surgeons Hobdy, at San Francisco quarantine, Cal., and Oakley, at Port Townsend quarantine, Wash., were so notified, July 16.

**HONDURAS.***Report from Ceiba, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended July 7, 1906. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 1	Colombia .....	Mobile .....	18	2	0	0
2	Rosina .....	New Orleans .....	31	0	0	0
2	Condor.....	Mobile .....	16	0	0	0
4	Atlas.....	New Orleans .....	20	0	0	0
4	Carib II.....	New York via local ports.	7	0	0	0
5	John Wilson .....	Mobile .....	17	1	0	0

Number of aliens sailing for the United States from this port during the week, 1.

*Report from Tela—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Roe reports as follows: Week ended June 30, 1906. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
	Taunton .....	New Orleans .....	23	.....	6	.....
	Columbia .....	Mobile .....	17	.....	0	.....

**JAPAN.***Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague rats found in Tokyo—System of examination of rats for plague infection.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, June 19, as follows:

Week ended June 16, 1906. Bills of health granted after inspection to 5 steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 552 members of crews and 921 passengers, of whom 248 were bathed; 289 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

Of these vessels 2 were fumigated and cleaned for the purpose of destroying vermin, as they were from infected ports without American bill of health; 1 was fumigated with sulphur by the local quarantine authorities. These 5 vessels were bound to Cebu, Seattle, New York, San Francisco, or Manila.

Four hundred and ninety-six would-be steerage passengers were examined with reference to their freedom from any loathsome or dangerous contagious disease contemplated in the United States immigration laws, and of these 91 were recommended for rejection, 193 for acceptance, and the rest to be held for diagnosis or treatment.

Official health reports show Yokohama to continue in good sanitary condition, there having been only 1 case of smallpox during the week ended June 3 and none during the week ended June 10, 1906.

An occasional plague-infected rat continues to be found by the authorities in Tokyo, 1 having been found June 13 in a warehouse in that city. Through the courtesy of Doctor Shibayama, who is chief assistant to Doctor Kitasato at the imperial institute for infectious diseases, and who is chief of the central board, etc., for Tokyo, I have had an opportunity to study the extremely thorough and efficient methods adopted to fight plague in that great city. There is a standing offer of 5 sen (2½ cents gold) for every rat, dead or alive, delivered to any police box in the city. Upon delivery the policeman gives a ticket for the money, payable at the nearest police station; he then ties to the rat a wood label showing at what place it was found and drops the rat into a covered tin box, and each day a wagon collects these boxes and carries them to the central station or to a new branch near Hondo. The rats are laid in rows on long tables and opened by assistants, and blood smears from the spleen or heart are taken, there being 8 smears from a row on each slide; these are fixed by flame, stained with gentian-violet, and examined, there being 4 principal and 5 assistant physicians at the central station for this work. Should plague-like bacilli be found, the rat corresponding to the slide is taken and from the wood label placed on it by the policeman the house from which it came is found, and proper and thorough measures are at once taken to thoroughly clean the premises, and if necessary the whole block is surrounded by a galvanized fence to prevent egress of rats, and a cordon is used to isolate the square.

From 9,000 to 10,000 rats per day are caught and examined. Essentially the same method is used in this city, but no infected rats have been reported for many months.

#### *Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Siberia* recommended June 9, 1906, for rejection: For Honolulu, 7; for San Francisco, 7.

Per steamship *Kaga Maru*, June 14, 1906: For Seattle, 69.

Per steamship *Mongolia*, June 16, 1906: For Honolulu, 20; for San Francisco, 5.

Per steamship *China*, June 23, 1906: For Honolulu, 14; for San Francisco, 3.

Per steamship *Stentor*, June 26, 1906: For Tacoma, 4.